## Heber residents prepare for June powwow

Several thousand Indians are expect-Heber Corresponsdent

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in the community for the impact, Heber City Powwow, June 2-5. ed to arrive in Heber for the first The total population of the town is

tion to the Heber Valley" series, is to at three mini powwows. powwow etiquette and Indian culture Indians are explaining the strict One of the purposes of the "introduc-

first one realized early in the evening that, while the cultures are significant-

an" show must have been surprised ly different, they also are very much Anyone who expected a "wild Indi- questing his blessings, particularly on the program.

when it turned out to be, instead, an

Indian dancers and drum groups spectacular sight.

eagle feathers. a powwow and if an Indian consumes liquor he loses the privilege of wearing

friends." the program was to help local people But the intent of those presenting

an prayer to Creator, first offering thanks for all his creations, then re-The presentation began with an Indi-

have feared the powwow would bring by an entourage of as many as 100 "a bunch of drunken Indians" learned supporters. They set up camps and that liquor in any form is banned from construct arenas at the host cities. A educational, cultural and spiritual eye- travel on circuits, competing for priz- Throughout the evening site historical, raphers should get permission to take ning. The fears of anyone who might es. Each competitor is accompanied ed non-Indians on powwow protocol, raphers should get permission to take selling food, arts and crafts.

dispel prejudices harbored by many message was clear: "We want you to the procession, followed by younger non-Indians. Those who attended the get to know us, too, so we can be men, women, then children. differences. They already live and one at a time, while the audience type of dancing. Traditional dancing is We learned that the eagle symboliz-work in a non-Indian society. Their stood. The oldest men and leaders lead conservative in terms movement. The prayer was followed by the spectator, if necessary.

grand entry, when all the powwow Dancers and drum gr
participants danced into the arena, in catagories according The emcee was Nola Lodge, an

powwow 200 to 300 people may take an Utah. She explained that in a full-scale American Studies at the University of

construct arenas at the host cities. A who tells the audience what to expect make their own costumes. Every color medicine man blesses the construction and explain what is happening in the and ornament has personal meaning. as it progresses. Booths are built for arena. The arena director manages One man said he wasn't wearing full emphasizing that a powwow is a sa- individual pictures. cred event. There is always an emcee Both men and Throughout the evening she instruct- tures. According to etiquette, photog-

Both men and women design and

the events in the arena and enforces regalia because some of the symbols the protocol, ousting a disrespectful were so personal and sacred that he Dancers and drum groups compete and didn't feel he could share them

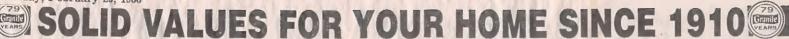
only wears them to actual powwows

Oneida Indian, who teaches Native costumes are more spectacular. There receive eagle feathers. The feathers hour or two to fill the arena, a oped during the past 80 years, has usually on returning warriors. Today, faster, more intricate footwork and the those who are United States veterans and costume. Fancy dancing, devel- feathers are bestowed as honors, and when to refrain from taking pic- and wil lose it if he dishonors it.

are also inter-tribal dances and some are religious symbols used in prayer, as during men's traditional dancing, Indian must respect his eagle feather dances which non-Indians may join. The emcee announces when to stand, to anointed oil in some religions. An

to comfort, and bring healing, similar

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